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FOREST HEIGHTS NEWS

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Mayor/Council Workshop Meeting

Monday August 6, 7:30 p.m.

Mayor/Council Meeting

August 15, 2012 8:00 p.m.

### **UP AND COMING EVENTS**

Forest Heights Day, Saturday August 4, 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
National Night Out Tuesday August 7, 2012 7:00-9:00 p.m.
at Bell Acres Park

### **AUGUST 2012**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Yard Waste Oxon Hill Branch Library Story times 11:30 a.m. Ages 2-7	2 60 + Bingo 10:00 a.m. Neighborhood Watch Meeting 7:00 p.m. Oxon Hill Branch Library Story times 11:30 a.m. Ages 3-5	3	4 FOREST HEIGHTS DAY BELL ACRES PARK 11:00-4:00 p.m.
5	6 Mayor/Council Workshop Meet- ing 7:30 p.m. Trash/Recycle	7 NATIONAL NIGHT OUT BELL ACRES PARK 7:00-9:00 p.m. Teen Time Oxon Hill Library Open Teen Room Ages 13-18 3:00 p.m. Tues. & Thursday Computer Class 11&3:00p.m.	8 Yard Waste Oxon Hill Branch Library Story times 11:30 a.m. Ages2-7	9 Computer Class 11:00- 12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bulk Trash (3 Items Only) Teen Time Oxon Hill Library Open Teen Room Ages 13-18 3:00 p.m. Tues. & Thursday	10	11
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19	20 FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL Trash/Recycle	21 Computer Class 11:00-12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m.	22 Yard Waste Oxon Hill Branch Library Story times 11:30 a.m. Ages2-7	23 Computer Class 11:00- 12:00 p.m. and 3:00-4:00 p.m. Bulk Trash (3 Items Only)	24	25
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**Eastover District IV Police** 

(301) 749-4900

**EMERGENCY DIAL 911** 

**NON-EMERGENCY** 

301-333-4000

www.forestheightsmd.gov

### FOREST HEIGHTS POLICE DEPARTMENT



### **Crime Report July2012**

9	CRIMI	<u>E</u>	
Vehicle Fire	1	2nd Degree Assault	1
Disorderly Conduct	4	DWI	1
Arrests	6	Vehicle Impound	2
<u>PARKING</u>	VIOL	<u>ATIONS</u>	
Handicapped Parking	7	Left wheels to curb	1
Commercial vehicle on public street	1	Expired MD tags	1



#### DISCOVER THE POWER OF NEIGHBORHOOD WATCH

We invite you to come learn about Forest Heights Neighborhood Watch and Citizen's Patrol Program. Become a block captain and help make our communities as safe as possible by getting to know your neighbors. A booth will be set up for member registration on:

Saturday, August 4, 2012 (11:a.m. - 4p.m.) (Forest Heights Day) Tuesday, August 7, 2012 (7:00pm - 9:00pm) (National Night Out)

\* Both events held @ BELL ACRES PARK (North Huron Drive)

Be a Part of The Solution for Safer Communities — Block by Block

Neighborhoods working together in a partnership with the police can make the best crime fighting teams around.

Neighborhood Watch Meeting first Thursday of each Month

Thursday, August 2, 2012

### What is a Neighborhood Watch?

#### **Neighborhood Watch is:**

- A community—police crime prevention partnership.
- Neighbors coming together to help each other not become victims of crime.
- Neighbors coming together to address community issues.
- Learning and practicing Crime Prevention through Environmental Design— Surveying and upgrading, if necessary, your home security and lighting.
- Learning to identify suspicious activity and reporting the activity to other neighbors and the police.
- Members all live on the same street or within line of sight, generally 5-25 homes per group.

#### Neighborhood Watch is not:

- Citizens armed patrol.
- Vigilante groups.
- Encouraging residents to take risks to prevent crimes.
- A program that guarantees that a crime will not occur in a neighborhood.
- A political group.
- A neighborhood association or neighborhood organization.
- A law enforcement entity.

### Community Update from the Mayor's Office

### **Upcoming Events**

The next Monthly Council Workshop will be held Aug. 6 at 7:30 PM. The next Monthly Council Meeting will be held Aug. 15 at 8:00 PM.

Aug. 18, PGCPS Back to School Fair 10 AM-1 PM at Show Place Arena, 14900 Pennsylvania Ave.,
 Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

Sept. 29, District 8 Community Health Fair All day event starts at 10 AM at the Southern Regional Tech/Rec Complex on Bock Road in Fort Washington

News/Announcements



We are pleased to announce that the Town of Forest Heights is now on Facebook! Visit www.facebook.com/forestheightsmd for the latest community news and share and "like" our page. Please also visit www.forestheightsmd.gov for more information regarding the wonderful Town of Forest Heights, a town on the move!

#### District 8 Funding

District 8 County Councilman Obie Patterson met with residents at the July 13 Community Coffee at the McDonald's off Allentown Road in Fort Washington. Councilman Patterson announced that he was able to secure more than \$8 million for his district for the fiscal year 2013 Capital Improvement Projects. The Town of Forest Heights received \$300,000 for sidewalk repairs and improvements to its zero runoff stormwater management system. Other projects in the fiscal year 2013 CIP include the new District VII police station; a community pool at the Southern Regional Tech/Rec Complex in Fort Washington; an instructional area and outdoor teaching pavilion for youths at the Henson Valley Golf Course; and the local Boys & Girls Clubs.

#### Power Outages

Residents who had attended Councilman Patterson's July 13 event also brought up concerns related to the storm/power outages that started June 29, namely Pepco's slow response time to restore power back to residences and the number of senior residents that were without power for days. Councilman Patterson said the way the system is currently set up, senior housing/apartment communities were being treated as regular apartments/housing during the outages. He said his office will work with the county's Social Services to make sure that in the future, there is a way to identify and give high priority to those senior residential communities during those emergencies.

#### Local Swimming Facilities Closed

The Southern Regional Tech/Rec Complex on Bock Road in Fort Washington is scheduled to open by the end of 2012 as construction takes place on a new community pool. Allentown Splash, Tennis and Fitness Park is also scheduled to open by the end of 2012 due to renovation work.

#### Oxon Hill Road/Tanger Outlets/Walmart

Oxon Hill Road will be getting a total face lift with a brand new street with upgrades/repairs and be touted as the county's first "green" street (i.e. more pedestrian/bike friendly), which comprises an approximate 2.5-mile stretch of road from just south of National Harbor to Fort Foote Elementary School. Construction is expected to take 18 months to 2 years. The segment of Oxon Hill Road along the site of the proposed Tanger Outlets will be a four-lane road with a median and turning lanes. As the road continues south of the outlet mall, Oxon Hill Road will narrow into a two-lane road with bike lanes. Councilman Patterson acknowledged that downside of construction will be the traffic congestion on the road that county residents will have to deal with when the road is being repaired. Councilman Patterson said county bills concerning two major development projects — the proposed Tanger Outlets across from National Harbor and the Walmart next to John Hanson Montessori School off Oxon Hill Road — have been pulled pending further review. He said both bills are expected to appear before the District Council in September or October. The dates and times for public hearings will be forthcoming. Appeals were filed by citizens after both projects received approval from the Prince George's County Planning Board.

#### Gambling at National Harbor

On July 27, Gov. Martin O'Malley announced at a press conference in Annapolis that the Maryland General Assembly will hold a special session Aug. 9 on developing a sixth gaming site in Maryland, most likely at National Harbor, and expanding table gaming in the state. Prince George's County Executive Rushern L. Baker III and Baltimore Mayor Stephanie Rawlings-Blake, along with House speaker Michael E. Busch and Senate President Thomas V. Mike Miller Jr., issued remarks to O'Malley's announcement. If the legislation is approved in the special session, the issue will go before voters in November. Prince George's voters also will have the final say at the ballot box on whether a casino is brought to the county. The deadline to get the issue on the ballot is Aug. 20. According to the Gazette, MGM Resorts International has agreed to build an \$800 million facility at National Harbor that the company estimates would create 4,000 permanent jobs. The special session will likely last for about three days.

The Mayor would like to hear from you concerning this issue. Go to "Facebook" or send your concerns to the Mayor at jgoodall@forestheightsmd.gov.



# **Town Community News**

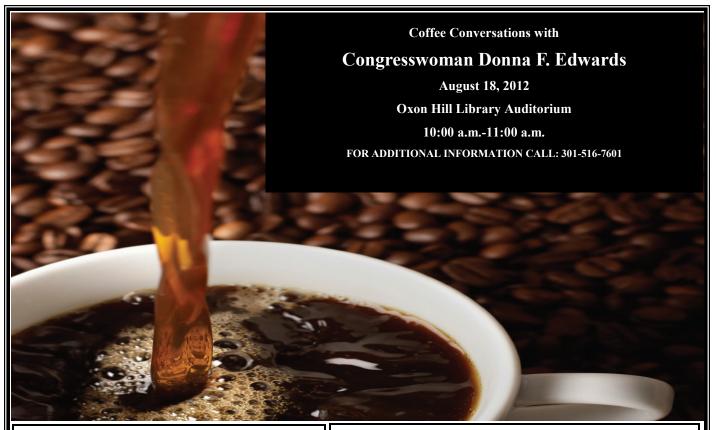
Celebrating Our Citizens' Many Cultures, Many Talents					
Forest Heights Day					
11:00-4:00pm Bell Acres Park (North Huron Drive)					
Saturday, August 4, 2012					
11:00 -12:00	0 -12:00 Welcome Youth Olympics				
12:00 -12:45	00 -12:45 Lacrosse Demonstration Women's Lacrosse Association				
1:00-1:05	Rev. Dr. Carl Q. Hickerson, Pastor (bless food) - Food Served				
1:15: -1:45	Zumba Demonstration, Zumba luv				
1:45-1:50	Introduction of Redskin Alumni Vern Haefele, Town Administrator Pat Fischer and Ron McDole				
1:50 - 2:15	Citizen's Talent Show - Prizes Awarded				
	Introduction of Public Officials & Guests Jacqueline Goodall, Mayor				
2:15 - 3:15	Key Note Speaker: Dr. James Dula Gloria Lawlah, Secretary, Dept of Aging				
	Obie Patterson, District 8 Council Member				
	Edward Burroughs, PG County Board Member				
3:15 - 4:45	Prizes Awarded - Antique Cars/Motorcycles				
4:00	Closing Remarks – Mayor Jacqueline Goodall				

# Give back to your community.

Acts of Kindness Day August 18th 2012 from 10:30-12:00 p.m. Senior Residents need help to cleanup debris from the storm to volunteer call 301-839-1030.



# Town Community News (continued)



### Congresswoman Donna F. Edwards

Hosts

### **Small Business Workshops**

Thursday, August 9, 2012 9:00 a.m.-12:00 Friday, August 31, 2012, 9:00 a.m.-12: 00 5001 Silver Hill Road., Suitland, MD 20746

Sing-up for only one workshop (Space limited, first 50 rsvp. will be admitted).

RSVP to 4mddistrict@mail.house.gov

### Hands-on small business assistance

### From the Small Business Administration (SBA)

- Loan programs
- Government contracting
- Loan application assistance
- Financial management
- Grant funding
- Small business counseling and training

# Forest Heights Highlights July 31, 2012

- Forest Heights Day at the Washington Nationals Stadium against the New York Mets was well attended by the youth and adults, all had a great day at the old ball game
- Street and sidewalk cuts that have been made recently in Forest
  Heights by WSSC and are being monitored closely. Streets and
  sidewalks as well as aprons will be returned to the same condition
  they were in prior to the cuts. The same will apply to any digging
  in the yard.
- Washington Gas has indicated they resume paving work in Wards Il & Ill in late August, early September.
- The Town had trees that were considered dangerous located on Sachem Drive and the at Town Hall removed and cut into chips. Contact the Town office if you would like to have some of the chips.
- The Town is currently finishing up the curb painting in Forest Heights work will begin on installing new reflective street signs and painting the street sign poles.
- Proposals will be presented to the Council at the next meeting to install speed humps on streets that have been completed.

# Town Community News (continued)

### Ward 1 Residents!

Council President L. Smith-Barnes and Councilman Barnes will sponsor an open forum starting Oct. 6, 9AM-11AM, and run every 1st Saturday of the month, same time, as long as there is an interest. This forum is specifically for Ward 1 residents, but all Wards are welcome.

Come out and get acquainted with your Council members, ask questions, make suggestions, or to just complain if you like. We will attempt to answer your questions, an if we don't have an answer, we'll find out. In any event this forum Will Not Be Limited To 2 Minutes. Come out, meet your neighbors, and find out how your Government works.

Please RSVP by (5:00 p.m.) October 5th, so that we can determine if we should continue with this endeavor.



### **Delaware Park Casino Excursion**

Join us

August 17, 2012
Cost \$40 per person
At the Casino receive: \$30.00



On the Bus: Read, Converse or Watch Movies

Pickup at 6:45 p.m. Oxon Hill Park & Ride
Pickup at 7:00 p.m. Hechinger Mall, on Benning Road
Depart 7:00 p.m. — Return 4:00 a.m.
Reserve your seat today

Sandra 202-365-6599 or Doris 301-646-3189

### 60+ Plus Committee Mark your Calendar each Month

Councilman Robert Barnes & Councilwoman Ann Reifsneider work to provide activities and service to our citizens. Please mark your calendar for the:

**Senior Bingo FIRST THURSDAY of each Month August 5, 10:00 a.m.-1:30 p.m.** 

Community Cards FIRST and THIRD SATURDAY of each month from 1:00 -3:00 p.m.

For information on any of these programs, or to get involved, contact Councilman Barnes at **301-839-1030 ext. 303** anytime day or night, and leave a message.







# Raffle Ticket \$5.00 each

Win an 8 day
Cruise Ticket for two!

November 10-17, 2012

Drawing will be on

**Forest Heights Day** 

August 4, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

Need not to be present to win

Cruises out of Baltimore Maryland



## Town Community News (continued)



\$20.00 Off

**Any Service** 

When You

**Present Coupon** 

\$50.00

**Preventive** 

Maintenance

!!! SPECIAL !!!

### About us...

- Supreme Comfort Heating and Air Conditioning is a family owned and operated business located in Forest Heights, Maryland.
- We specialize in the service, installation and maintenance of all types of A/C and Heating equipment.
- We have over 20 years experience in the Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) field.
- Please call us if you have any problems or questions.
- Like us on to receive discounts and tips for your HVAC system.
- Refer us to your family and friends and receive \$20.00 OFF of your next service call.

Your Comfort Reigns Supreme

**Local Forest Heights** 

**Post Customer** 

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# Town Community News (continued)

### **Trash Free Forest Heights Community**

- Trash and recycling collection day is **Monday**. Bulk pick up services will be provided on **Thursday**. Trash and recycling must be placed at your trash collection site as early as dusk, the day before.
- Littering and placing trash bags on the ground encourages vermin, including rats, opossums, and stray animals which can carry diseases that are harmful to your health. Always be sure to secure all trash in a can with a well fitted lid. If additional bins are needed, please contact the Town Hall.
- For pick-up of bulk appliances or bulk trash (3 items only), a charge of \$30 may apply. CALL (301-839-1030) To replace and request an additional trash bin or a recycling bin, CALL the Town Administrator (301)-839-1030.
- To report the need to pick up litter in the street CALL (301)-839-1030.
- When illegal dumping is found, CALL (301)-839-4040.
- When you see someone illegally dumping bulk trash and debris in the alleys or on the street, write down a description and report to: Kevin Miller, Code Enforcement Officer, (301)-839-4040 or (301)839-1030 <a href="http://forestheightsmd.gov">http://forestheightsmd.gov</a> to file a complaint online.

# COUNTY COUNCIL OF PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

2012 Legislative Session Bill CB-40-2012

### REBATE ON RAIN BARRELS



TECHNIQUE	RESIDENTIAL	COMMERCIAL
Rain Barrels	\$50 (must capture 100 gallons)	\$100 (Must capture 200 gallons)

Christmas in April\* Prince George's County This program is for the ELDERLY and/or DISABLED Come Pick-up your Application

Please Complete and Return by **NOVEMBER 1, 2012**7915 Malcolm Road Clinton, MD 20735

You could be next!

The Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP) operated

by the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. Free Programs and Single Family Special Loans. Two more Forest Heights residents took advantage of the Free Home Weatherization Program

The were awarded this service through a Collaboration Grant from MEA. Mayor Goodall is continuously seeking ways to assist residents with weatherization and ask that residents take advantage of these grants. Call Councilperson Reifsneider if you are interested in our ongoing program for weatherization.

Call Councilmember Reifsneider for appointment 301-839-1146

### SHARE FOOD NETWORK JULY 2012

Order by August 10, 2012 Pick up Saturday August 25, 2012

You can order for September Share food starting

August 10, last day to order September 7, 2012

10:30 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. NOTE CASH ONLY

Menus Subject to Change

Package "A"  Value Package \$20.00	Package "B" Chicken Breast Strips Special \$20.00	Package "C" <u>August Grill Special \$20</u>
Chicken Leg Quarters 3.85 lbs.	2-5 lb. packages Fully	2.5 oz. Choice Sirloin Steaks
Chicken Breast Tenderloin 1 lb	Cooked Grill Mark	4.4 oz. Boneless Pork Chops
Turkey Sausage Links 0.75 lbs	Chicken Breast Strips	4.4 oz. Boneless Chicken Breasts
Breaded Fish Sticks 1.25 lbs.		4.4 oz. Hamburger Patties
Smoked Cocktail Franks 0.75 lbs.		1 lb. Italian Sausage
Potatoes 3 lbs.		
Onions 1.5 lbs.		DER IS NOT PICKED UP BY 11:00 a.m.
Plus 4-5 other fruits & vegetables grocery items.	ľ	T WILL BE GIVEN AWAY.